

FROM THE RECTOR...

*"STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN"...*



Way back in 1972, cousins Melvin Hardin and Timothy McPherson...aka Mel and Tim...produced the hit single "Starting All Over Again." The song peaked at #4 on the Rhythm and Blues and #19 on the Hot 100 billboards. The song is about a couple trying to repair a broken love relationship...the rough road ahead...and starting over first as "friends."

We're now in the waning days of the Trinity Season...in nine weeks we will find ourselves on Advent Sunday and the beginning of a new Church Year. Last year at this time...Coronavirus and Covid-19 weren't even in our vocabulary. Pandemic was the subject of late-night horror movies. Life went on and Sunday Mass happened without us giving it much thought...except to make certain we set the alarm clock and arrived for Mass on time.

Mel and Tim weren't thinking about the Church Year when they sang their epic song about love lost and regained. We'll talk more about Advent Sunday and the beginning of a New Church Year in the next edition of *The Parish Times*. For now...let's turn our attention to the Sunday Next Before Advent..."Stir-up Sunday"...the Church's "New Year's Eve"...when we do, in fact, think about "starting all over again."

The Sunday Next Before Advent...November 22nd this year...is the last Sunday in the Trinity Season. It is commonly called "Stir-up Sunday" among Traditional Anglicans. The term is derived from the Collect for the Day...*STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In Victorian times..."Stir-up Sunday" became associated with putting together the ingredients for the Christmas pudding, which had to be cooked well before Christmas and reheated on Christmas Day. Stirring the pudding was hard work and everyone in the family helped.

The opening words to the Collect...*Stir up...Excita* in Latin...has a double reference to God's power and man's will, according the Father Massey Shepherd, author of the *Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*. Father Shepherd writes, "the fruit of divine work and the fruit of

our good works are not exactly the same, though there is certainly an intimate connection between them."

Secular New Year's Eve celebrations often include a nod to the year just ended and personal resolutions for the New Year: we will try to be kinder to others; we will exercise more often; we will eat more healthy foods (of course, after consuming the Midnight Buffet). Our resolutions for the secular New Year all have the common element of "starting all over again" and trying to do a better job in our day-to-day lives.

*Excita* also means *to wake up* and *to become excited*. We're asking God to super-energize our hearts, minds and souls, so we can sincerely and enthusiastically make good "Stir-up Sunday" resolutions in preparation for celebrating the New Church Year.

All of the traditional secular New Year resolutions are good places to start. Most importantly, we want our wills to conform to God's will. They quite often aren't aligned. It's only possible for us to discern God's will for us when we commit ourselves to lives of regular prayer and fasting and quiet meditation.

There is much uncertainty about the current pandemic and where the World and the Church will be in a month or a year from now. We cannot worry about things over which we have little or no control. We should devote our attention to the only moment in time over which we have any control...the right now time!

God empowers us with the Spirit of Hope to move forward with courage in our hearts. Saint Joseph Parish is alive and well today. We have met challenges and will continue to meet them with God's Peace, which passes our human understanding sustaining us. While we may be physically separated at times during the pandemic...we are not apart. We remain the loving Saint Joseph Parish Family committed to spreading the love of God and the Good News about Jesus Christ. Let's make that a major part of our "Stir-up Sunday" resolution.

Finally, we should continue to pray for peace in the world, our country, our cities and in the Church. We look forward to the Church's New Year's Eve and discovering God's many blessings in "starting all over again"...whether the road is rough or smooth.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Craig Looney+

## SUNDAY MASS

We resumed in-person Mass in our historic church building on Sunday, September 27, with the 9:00 AM Parish Mass. Coffee Hour and Discussion Group remain suspended until further notice. Please remember wearing masks and physical distancing is required. Parishioners will be notified by e-mail or phone call of any changes.

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

Of your Christian charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Carson Emory, mother of parishioner Candyce Emory Francis, who died peacefully at her home in Los Altos the evening of August 9th. Father Looney officiated the Burial Office and Committal on Friday, August 28, at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

*May the Angels lead Barbara into Paradise; and the Martyrs receive her at your coming and bring her into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of Angels receive her, and may she, with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest.*

### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI...



Sunday October 4th is the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity and the Commemoration of Saint Francis of Assisi, Confessor. The Parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM

A short Blessing of Animals will take place in the Parking Lot at 4:00 PM. Cats, dogs and other critters are welcome. Photos, statues of animals and stuffed toy animals will also be blessed.

### SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST...

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 253-254*), on Sunday, October 18 at the regular 9:00 AM Parish Mass. Luke was born a Greek Gentile in Antioch, where he trained as a physician. He was not an eyewitness to the events recorded in his Gospel. Luke was probably converted through his association with Saint Paul. Paul mentions Luke's presence in Rome in his letters to Timothy.

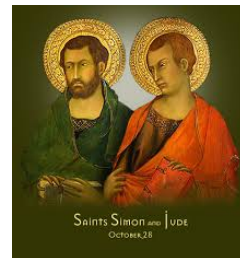


Luke's Gospel contains more parables (some unique to Luke) than Matthew and Mark and the most complete

account of the Annunciations of John the Baptist and Jesus and the Nativity. Luke is also believed to be the author of Acts. Both the Gospel and Acts are addressed to Theophilus, meaning *friend of God* in Greek. Theophilus may or may not have been an actual person. Luke was martyred in Thebes, Greece, circa 84 AD.

### SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE...

October 28 is the Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 254-255*). Little is known about Simon and Jude (also called Thaddeus), although their names are included in all the Lists of the Apostles. They may have been cousins and fishermen in Galilee before being called to follow Jesus. They are mentioned together, but there is no evidence they were martyred together.



In Acts 1.13 and Luke 6.15, Simon is called "The Zealot", possibly because of his rigid observance of Jewish Law, and to distinguish him from Simon Peter. He is believed to have preached in Egypt. The location of his death is disputed, but may have been in Caister (modern-day Lincolnshire, England).

John 14.22 refers to Jude "the Apostle" not to be confused with Judas Iscariot. Jude is the author of the General Epistle of Jude. He and the Apostle Bartholomew are, according to tradition, the first to have brought Christianity to Armenia. They are the Patron Saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church and Armenia and were martyred there. Armenia was the first modern country to officially adopt Christianity. Jude is also the Patron Saint of lost causes, separate situations and hospitals. Saint Jude's Hospital for Children in Memphis, Tennessee, is under his Patronage. The hospital was founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, in 1962. His parents were Maronite Christians who immigrated from Lebanon where Simon and Jude are also reported to have preached.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS...

We will celebrate All Saints' Day (*Book of Common Prayer, Pages 256-257*) on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the regular 9:00 AM Parish Mass.



We customarily sing Hymn #126, *For All the Saints* on this day. The Hymn Tune "Sine Nomine" is Latin for "Without a Name". All Saints' Day is the Festival celebrating all of the Saints of God, living and dead, known and unknown.

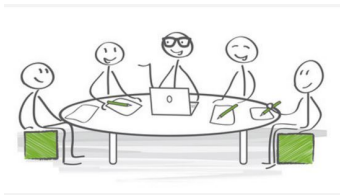
## ALL SOULS' DAY MASS...



Monday November 2nd is the Commemoration of All Souls, more commonly called All Souls' Day. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 PM. The names of the Faithful Departed will be read out loud. Please submit in writing the name(s) you wish remembered to the Rector

no later than Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## VESTRY MINUTES...



A Zoom Vestry Meeting was held on Sunday 13 September. A quorum was present. Following are highlights of the meeting.

Marcia Rayher, Clerk-of-the-Vestry, presented the Minutes of the May 31 Vestry Meeting. The Minutes were approved as presented with 4 ayes and one abstention from a Vestry member who had not been able to review the minutes.

Treasurer Candyce Francis presented the Financial Report. Pledges to date are on target. Total Income to date is slightly higher than budgeted. Total expenses are slightly lower. The Financial Report was approved as presented.

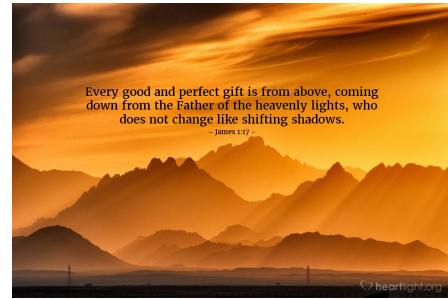
The Rector talked about Parish communications. There has been much positive response to the Sunday Parish Facebook Mass, which is also viewed and "liked" by a number of people outside the Parish.

The Rector gave updates on several parishioners who are in assisted-living. Long-time parishioner, Richard Roach, will be moving from the board and care facility in San Francisco that has been his home for many years, to an assisted-living facility in Burlingame, where he will receive the greater level of care he now requires.

Two homeless persons were found recently taking up residence in the Saint Francis Garden. There was a brief discussion about enhancing building security.

The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 22. This will be the final scheduled Vestry Meeting for this year. The time and location will be announced.

## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS...



Thursday November 26th is Thanksgiving Day. A Low Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM.

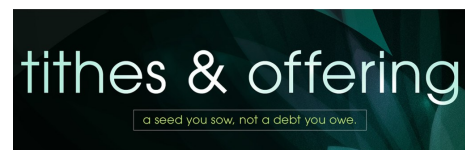
We have a basket of non-perishable food items we have been unable to deliver to CALL Primrose. The basket will be blessed during the Mass and delivered to CALL once they begin accepting food contributions.



In an effort to keep their staff, volunteers and clients as safe as possible during the current pandemic, CALL Primrose has not been accepting food or other donations. They expect this to be the case through the end of 2020.

CALL has advised us they will NOT be running its traditional holiday Fill-a-Box/Feed-a-Family program this year. CALL is our primary outreach. They are currently providing food for over 400 families each week. While they are not asking for participation, please consider making a donation to help them out this Thanksgiving.

Please mail your check to the Church Office by November 1<sup>st</sup> and in the Memo Block mark it for CALL. We will be sending a check to CALL.



We thank all who have been regularly mailing their pledges and offerings to the church during this time of uncertainty. The Parish's expenses continue even during the times we have been unable to meet in person for Sunday Mass.



2021 Ordo Kalendar are now available. The Ordo Kalendar conforms to the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* and *Anglican and American Missals*. It contains useful information on the Church Year, the Liturgical colors, and a List of the Dates of Easter through the Year 2050. The Kalendar will be distributed after the 9:00 AM Parish Mass beginning September 27.

## Prayer and Intercessions

We continue to pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces, that they may be brought home safely to their families and loved ones; for police departments throughout the country; for First Responders; for those searching for a vaccine and cure for COVID-19; and for peace in our Country, our State and our City. If you have someone you would like prayed for during the Intercessions at Sunday Mass...please give the name(s) to the Rector in writing.

## A House Not Made With Hands

Hymn 382 (Hymnal 1940)

Tallis' Ordinal, Thomas Tallis c. 1567

*O where are kings and empires now of old, that went and came? But, Lord thy Church is praying yet, A thousand years the same.*

*We mark her goodly battlements And her foundations strong. We hear, within, the solemn voice Of her unending song.*

*For not like kingdoms of the world Thy holy Church, O God, Though earthquake shocks are threat'ning her, And tempests are abroad.*

*Unshaken as eternal hills, Immovable she stands, A mountain that shall fill the earth, A house not made by hands.*

*Arthur Cleveland Coxe, 1839*

The powerful hymn "O where are kings and empires now" is based on the Scriptural passage found in 2 Corinthians 5.1. It is a cento (collage poem) from one of the *Christian Ballads* published by Arthur Cleveland Coxe while he was still a student at General Theological Seminary, New York.



Cox was born on May 10, 1818 in Mendham, New Jersey. He was the son of the Reverend Samuel Hanson Cox, an American Presbyterian minister and abolitionist, and Abiah Hyde Cleveland. He later embraced Anglicanism and changed the spelling of the family name to Coxe before he entered seminary in 1841.

In 1865 he was elected the Second Anglican Bishop of Western New York and was in office until he retired in 1895. He wrote a number of poems and theological treatises during his lifetime. Bishop Coxe is especially remembered for his spirited defenses of Anglican orders and the Apostolic Succession.

Bishop Coxe died on July 25, 1896 in Clifton Springs, New York. He is buried at historic Washington Street Cemetery in Geneva, New York.

*(The Hymnal Companion and other sources)*

## Gazelle Creative Learning School

Gazelle Creative Learning School commenced its 2020-2021 School Year on September 7 with Zoom distance-learning streamed from the Parish. School Administrator and Teacher J.P. Barkhurst, said in-person learning is expected to resume on October 1, with State and County mandated Covid-19 protocols for pre-schools in place. We wish Teachers J.P. and Cati a happy and successful school year.

## Movie Review: Are Politics an Impediment to the Marriage of True Minds?

**By Rebekah Shapiro**

When Alex and I were first dating, a member of the Parish told me our relationship could never work, because our partisan politics were radically different. After almost eight years of marriage, I feel it's still too early to know whether that parishioner was right, but I want to tell you about a couple movies featuring historical Anglicans who, in the movies at least, put partisan politics near the center of their marriages.

*The Duchess* (Paramount 2008), starring Kiera Knightley, is a biopic of Georgiana Cavendish, who married the Duke of Devonshire in 1774. Normally whatever I recommend in *The Parish Times*, I recommend more or less without qualification. I can't do that with *The Duchess* because of nudity and violence, but the great thing about watching movies at home is you can fast forward through the disturbing parts, which are brief. The costumes, on the other hand, are superb throughout.

I recommend *The Duchess* because I find it deeply interesting. The Duke, in my opinion, is unbelievably cold to Kiera Knightley's character, even by 18th century standards, even for an arranged marriage. They have a common interest in Whig (that is, liberal, by the standards of the day) politics, but it is not a shared interest. They do not participate together. Nevertheless, Ralph Fiennes plays the Duke of Devonshire very well, and I believe the character portrayed would choose to bring another person into his home to be his wife, and then choose to have nothing to do with her. I just can't understand why.

In stark contrast with *The Duchess* is *Amazing Grace*, a biopic of William Wilberforce, who was a leading English Abolitionist. The movie follows Wilberforce's decades-long political campaign to abolish the slave trade in the British Empire, as well as his romance with his wife, Barbara Spooner. It is a lower-budget production, but it has one great thing going for it: My favorite actor, Benedict Cumberbatch, plays Wilberforce's friend and the eventual Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger. Add in a reference to the role of insurance in ending the slave trade, and you have a must-watch, in my opinion. (For those of you who don't know, my professional work is all in insurance.) Albert Finney plays John Newton, the Anglican Priest and author of three hymns in *The Hymnal* 1940, as well as, of course, "Amazing Grace." John Newton, in the movie and in real life, was both a slave trader and a slave before he became a Priest.

I suppose I can't recommend even *Amazing Grace* without a couple caveats. While it seems to get the biographies right, the writer was not a historical liturgics expert. An 18th century controversy about flowers in church may have been made up for the movie, while hymns in church, including "Amazing Grace" and its folk tune, were controversial. Of course, these anachronisms are not enough to keep me from recommending the movie.

So which portrayal of late 18th century English marriages is accurate? *The Duchess's* coldness or *Amazing Grace's* closeness? Consider these words of a near contemporary of the Duke of Devonshire and William Wilberforce, Alexander Hamilton, regarding what kind of wife he was looking for during the Revolutionary War: "She must be

young, handsome, sensible, well bred, chaste and tender, of some good nature, a great deal of generosity."

*The Duchess* and *Amazing Grace* are available to borrow from the San Mateo County Libraries, which are offering friendly curbside pickup during the pandemic. The libraries have extended the borrowing period for DVDs to 3 weeks during the pandemic, too. You can also borrow my copies. Or check your streaming service.



### YE NEW DISHWASHER...



...hath arrived. We extend our thanks to Jerry and Dawn Mc Donnell and Doug and Marcia Rayher for donating the brand new dishwasher. It replaces our old dishwasher, which served us well for many years. Special thanks go out to Jerry and Doug for installing the new dishwasher.



### SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS – 9:00 AM PARISH MASS & SERMON

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